Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Rosalia Olga Semmler was born on February 26, 1916, to Fredrich and Christina Semmler, the sixth of twelve children; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Rose married Ralph Helle on November 5, 1940, and gave life and love to one son, Arlen, better known as Sonny, who in turn blessed them with one granddaughter, Kim, and one great-grandson, Cody; and,

Whereas, Rose paints South Dakota scenes on small rocks because she is an avid rock hound and also crochets and quilts. For a number of years, Rose edited a newsletter for the Corn Palace Rock Club and sold her painted rocks at Corn Palace festivities; and,

Whereas, Rose is a devoted member of the Wesleyan Church in Mitchell, South Dakota, attending bible studies, teaching Sunday school and participating in the Sew and Sew Club. Her goal each year is to read the Bible from cover to cover and her favorite phrase is "God is Good"; and,

Whereas, Rose will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 26, 2006, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State